

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present preliminary amendment the specification and claims are amended to correct minor informalities.

Further, replacement Figs. 7, 8, 10 and 13 are submitted herein.

Replacement Fig. 7 now properly labels step S3 as “ $\Delta E_i \leftarrow E_i - 150$ ”. In replacement Fig. 8, element 42 is now properly labeled as “REVERSE DIGIT ADJUSTING PART” and element 43 is now properly labeled as “SAMPLE SEQ GEN PART”. In replacement Fig. 10, element 42 is now properly labeled as a “REVERSE DIGIT ADJUSTING PART”. In replacement Fig. 13, element 43 is now properly labeled as “SAMPLE SEQ GEN PART”.

The amendments made to the specification, claims, and replacement figures are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, are thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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